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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Debashis Bhattacharya et al.  
Serial No.: 09/896,059  
For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATED DESIGN OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS WITH TARGETED QUALITY OBJECTIVES  
USING DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING BLOCKS  
Filed: June 29, 2001  
Examiner: Annette M. Thompson  
Art Unit: 2825  
Confirmation No.: 9475  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 162.7107USU

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated September 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED               |   |       |   |                  |           |          |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|-----------|----------|
|                                 | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate      |          |
| Total<br>Claims                 | 71  | Minus | 63                                      | 8                | x \$18.00 | \$144.00 |
| Independent<br>Claims           | 8   | Minus | 8                                       | 0                | x \$86.00 | \$       |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE    |   |       |   | x \$290.00 = \$  |           |          |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES     |   |       |   | \$144.00         |           |          |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY |   |       |   | \$72.00          |           |          |

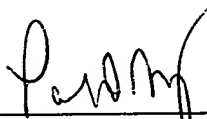
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 72.00 (small entity).

X A check in the amount of \$ 72.00 (small entity) is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

November 4, 2004

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-noted application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

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